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In the struggle against socialist countries, the imperialist reactionaries coming out under the banner of anti-Communism resort to insidious methods of "psychological warfare" more and more often. In their ideological subversion, the imperialists also rely on reactionary religious propaganda. Foreign Catholic circles and sectarian organizations, supported by the American monopolies and the Vatican, play the greatest role in this matter. One of the journals in a NATO country stated that war, carried on with the customary (classical) means, is comparable to a sabre that wounds, while "psychological warfare" is a disease that destroys all cells in the organism.

Hiding behind all of the saints, the leaders of the Catholic church, together with the militarists, regard "psychological warfare" as a mass ideological offensive on the conscience of the people in socialist countries. At the same time, they plan first morally to prepare their people for war with the countries of Socialism and secondly ideologically to disarm the peoples of the socialist countires, faced with the threat of capitalist aggression.

With this aim in view the Western ideologists and their servants in the Church speculate on the emotions of the believers, justifying the anti-Communist activity of their governments and their aggressive aims purportedly as necessary in the struggle against Communism. This is no

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